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Budget hike nears 5%

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is mulling over a tax increase of 4.81 per cent after a lengthy discussion Thursday afternoon about the list of capital spending projects putting pressures on the municipal coffers.

Originally drafted at 3.81 per cent, councillors expressed concern that not enough money was going into the waste management reserves for landfills and septage and agreed to push the rate up by one per cent.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that she was not concerned with the tight budget and that reserves are gathered in order to be spent.

"Maybe because I'm in my 20th year, I don't see much wrong with the budget. It's not making me all that nervous," Harrison said to council.

Overall, the draft budget – which has yet to be approved – has a surplus of only $14,000. There are many projects that are drawing from reserves as well, such as $340,000 for the Stanhope fire hall expansion, $10,000 for Dorset museum renovations, $9,000 for Stanhope museum renovations, $40,000 for office accessibility

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Has spring arrived?

Full of hope, Diane Dawson of Wintergreen maple syrup barn helps Gillian and Madeline Reston of Kennisis Lake check to see if the sap is running in the Dawsons' sugarbush on Saturday. Alas, spring is slow in starting. But that didn't stop hundreds of people from converging at the Gelert business to enjoy pancakes with last year's maple syrup drizzled on top, followed by a walk through the woods.

Lights out for Earth Hour on Saturday

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Hey Minden, are you ready to turn out your lights from 8 to 9 p.m. on March 29?

Earth Hour is a way that everyone can help the environment. The event that started in Sydney, Australia has now gone global in an attempt to reduce greenhouse emissions by encouraging everyone to turn off unnecessary lights.

In Sydney, a total of 2.2 million people and 2,100 businesses turned off their lights. The Earth Hour website, www.earthhour.org, says that as of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday morning there were already 12, 215 businesses signed up in support of the event. Along with those businesses are 191,449 individuals who have said they'll go light-less for an hour this Saturday.

You don't have to sign up in order to participate – just turn off your lights from 8 to 9. Have a party, or a get together and play some cards by candlelight.

Sue Black, the Canoe FM station co-ordinator, invites people to listen to DJ Joan Cameron, who will be

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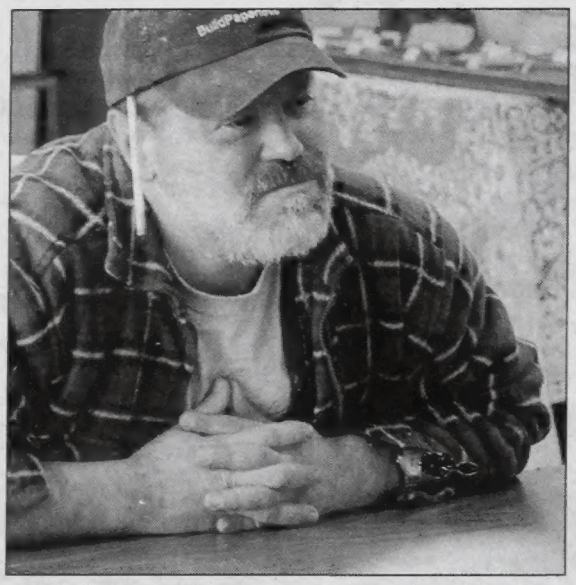

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Darko Knezevic wants to remove old TVs, VCRs and cellphones from landfill sites and recycle them.

E-waste entrepreneur earns council support

Algonquin Highlands council is encouraging Darko Knezevic to continue on his quest to collect the county's electronic waste.

Knezevic wants to visit Haliburton County landfills picking up discarded computers, TVs, VCRs and cellphones, take the waste home, break it all down and sell the raw parts in bulk. He promises that it will cost the municipalities nothing and will probably employ a couple of workers in the process.

"Eighty per cent of things would be recycled from the dump site," Knezevic said. Other than glass in most products like TVs and scanners, he said he can find a company to buy the parts from him.

Knezevic has training in VCR and TV repair and although he owns a successful construction company, thought he would turn his training into a small business on the side.

"I think the idea is great in principle. Every bit that we can divert from our landfill is a positive thing. It's a great concept and I wish you the best of luck," said Brian Whetstone, operations manager.

Algonquin Highlands councillors said that they supported his endeavour and asked him to come back with more information after speaking with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment about regulations on collecting the waste. Minden Hills has given Knezevic a similar directive.

Minden man pays the price even though he's not guilty

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

It started out as a carefree May long weekend.

A little fishing with friends, some ATV trail riding, and a few nights of camping on a pristine piece of Crown land.

But by the end of the first night – or more specifically, at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning – the party came to an abrupt halt when a 23-year-old Minden man was charged with impaired driving after what police later called an "ATV accident."

The only problem was that the man charged with the crime wasn't the same man who committed the crime. True, he was the owner of the vehicle, but at the time of the incident he was sound asleep in his tent, not recklessly barreling down Universal Road.

> *"What happens now? Who pays an innocent man's bills"*
>
> **Cleared ATV driver**

At the time the charges were laid, the OPP sent out a press release to local media identifying the man. Both the *Echo* and *Times* have a policy of removing names of those charged, but the man's name was printed and rebroadcast elsewhere, casting him into the limelight.

Nearly one year and several court appearances later, the man finally proved his innocence and was ruled not guilty during a January 28 court case.

But as good as it felt to be exonerated, the man says that the damage done to his reputation can never be fully reversed and, despite the fact that he didn't even do it, he may forever be labelled as a drunk driver in some people's eyes.

"It's humiliating and frustrating at the same time," the man said during a visit to our office last week. "I think there's still a suspicion out there that I did it. The police can go out and charge someone, but what happens when you're found not guilty?"

No media were present for the man's trial and no one seemed interested in clearing his name. He came to the *Times* office in search of some vindication, in hopes that some in the community will recognize his story.

"It feels good to be cleared but you still feel like you're in the public eye," he says. "I almost didn't want to go to work some days because I was so depressed about it."

Not only that, but the charges also brought an extra burden into his life – a $5,000 tab in lawyer's fees.

"Don't get me wrong, it was money well spent to prove I didn't do it," he says. "But what happens now? Who pays an innocent man's bill?"

After several appearances in court, the man says a judge finally found him not guilty because of conflicting information in police reports and a lack of evidence to support the charges.

"Things just didn't add up," he says. "In one report it says the ATV was found on its side, but in another report it says it was found right-side up. Here it says that I was wearing an orange sweater that night, but I wasn't. I don't even own an orange sweater.

"I have no problem admitting I was drunk that night," he adds. "It was the long weekend, and I was there to have fun. But I wasn't the one riding that machine. I went to sleep in my tent around 1:30, and the next thing I knew I was being woken up by police officers and put in an ambulance.

"In the end, the judge apologized to me. And I mean, that's great and all, but who's going to pay the bill? I guess that's the question I keep going back to... who pays an innocent man's bill?"

Thieves steal computer from Trails and Tours

A laptop, digital camera and dock were stolen from the Trails and Tours office on Highway 35 Thursday night. Staff came to work Tuesday morning to find the office disheveled and the electronics missing. According to administrator Tegan Moretz, it looks like they will be able to replace one of the two items stolen, but they are still speaking with the insurance company.

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Local books, sticky fingers

The county library has an acquisition policy that includes buying two copies of all books by local authors, but that doesn't mean they're always in stock, said head librarian, Joel Levis. It seems that some titles excite the local population so much they get stolen – like the *Liaisons II* anthology referred to in last week's editorial. Both copies of the book were stolen, said Levis, one from the administration office. Perhaps the library should look into installing tracking devices on its books in the future.

Oxtongue fire station gets donation

Hope township's fire department has donated the jaws of life and rams to the Oxtongue fire station, says district chief Ted Keown. The used equipment, used to lift vehicles, will now be tested and certified for use before being put to work at Oxtongue.

Quilt raises big bucks

The album quilt to support Cottage Dreams has raised $18,252 by selling 731 spaces for the embroidery of donors' names. The quilt is nearly finished and will make its grand debut July 25 and 26 at Heart of the Highlands. It was created by the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild and the funds will allow 36 families dealing with cancer to stay for a week at a local cottage. Some notable donors: Lloyd Robinson, Kurt Browning, Scottie Morrison and Robert Bateman.

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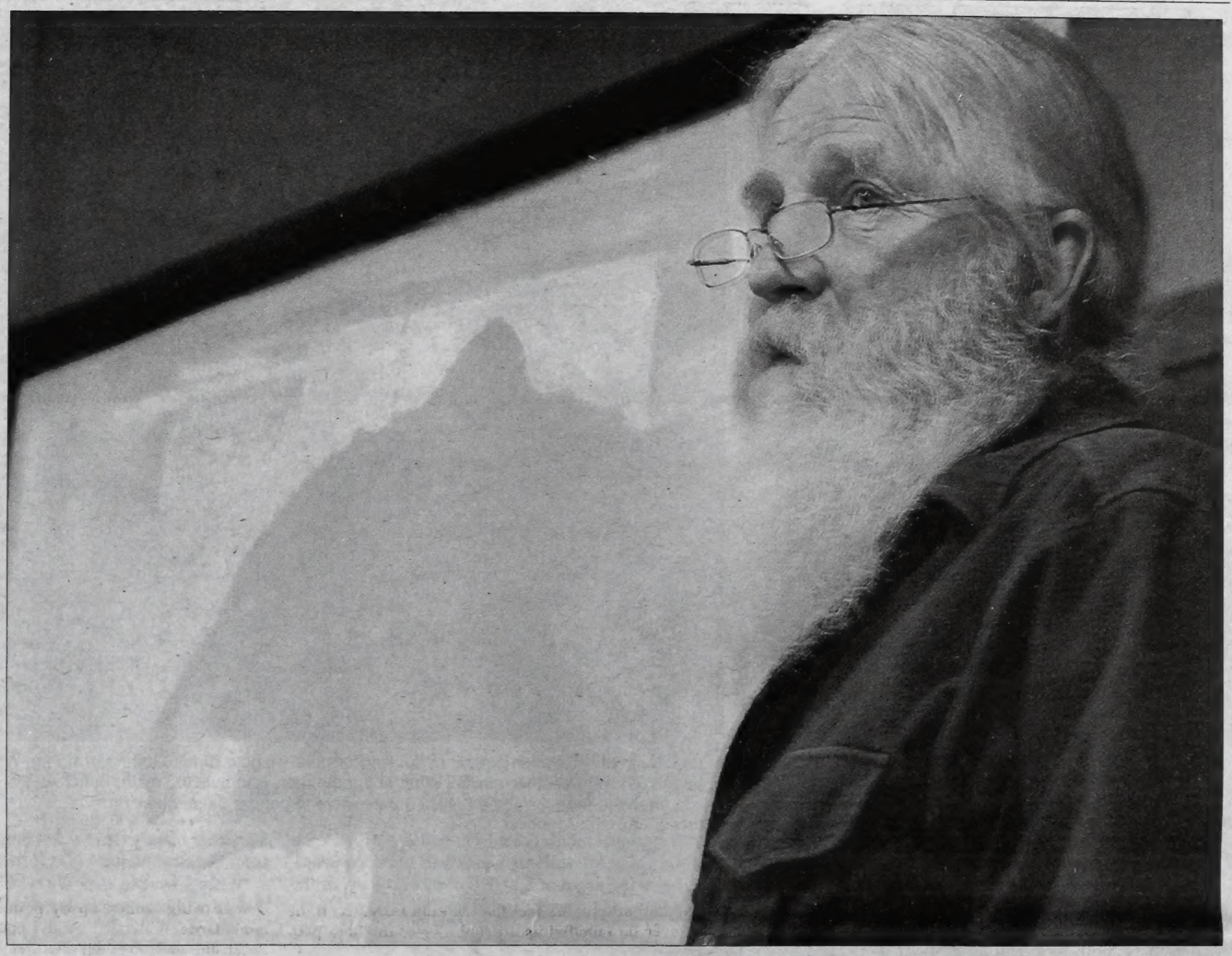


Bart Hilhorst of the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources told a full house about the wonders and dangers of the local black bear at the Haliburton Museum Wedesday evening. He says it's our perception of bears that will determine how we interact with them. Most people, however, wanted to know how to keep them out of their backyards.

Jenn Watt/TIMES

Living with bears

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

In a county where there are about 60 black bears for every 100 kilometres squared, there was a strong interest in learning about them at the Haliburton field naturalists meeting.

All the chairs were taken at the Haliburton Museum last Wednesday for Bart Hilhorst's talk on the local wonder/annoyance and their endearing/fearsome behaviour in the wilderness/local dump.

"When it comes to bears or wildlife, it is your perception already [that tells] how you'll interact with a bear," he told the audience while alternating pictures of fluffy cubs and burly sows.

"They're not cuddly teddy bears and they're not ferocious killers – they're somewhere in between," he said as the crowd made appropriate coos and shrieks at his photographs.

Hilhorst has been working for the Ministry of Natural Resources for 33 years. Of that time, he's spent about 12 on bears.

His talk wasn't the typical Bear Wise seminar or an Ontario-government-sanctioned speech but instead more of a friendly chat about what he knows and what the public might find interesting about bears.

"With cottage development, you can change the plant growth, beneficial or not to wildlife. Berries are easier to grow" when the land is opened up by hydro lines, roads and trails, which is perfect for bears.

But the past few years have been bad for berries, meaning more bears looking for other easy sources of food – like at the landfills.

At the end of April they come out, the males first and then the females with their cubs. When they are well-fed, Hilhorst has seen as many as five cubs to one sow.

"They're not cuddly teddy bears and they're not ferocious killers – they're somewhere in between."
Bart Hilhorst

"Remember, a bear has to eat; it's got to eat whatever it can," he said rattling off an eclectic list of bear foods including dandelions, fawns, berries and pretty much anything in a trash can.

If a pregnant bear is not healthy enough in the fall for her body to sustain cubs, it will reabsorb the fertilized egg in a process called delayed implantation, Hilhorst said.

And although the audience seemed interested throughout, when question period came, most wanted to know how to keep the bears off their property and what to do if confronted by one.

Hilhorst stressed that for the benefit of the bears, humans should not only keep a distance but also make all interaction unpleasant for the bears.

"For us to be close with them, I don't think that's good for the animals," he said. He told a couple of stories of bears that became so friendly with humans that they had to be put down because of the potential danger they posed and destructive abilities. Relocation isn't much of an option because you're either placing a problem bear on someone else's doorstep or the bear will find its way back to the food source it was taken from.

"Bears are like homing pigeons," he said.

For those with bears in their yards, Hilhorst advised homeowners to make lots of noise, throw things and scare the bears as much as possible so they don't make a habit of coming around.

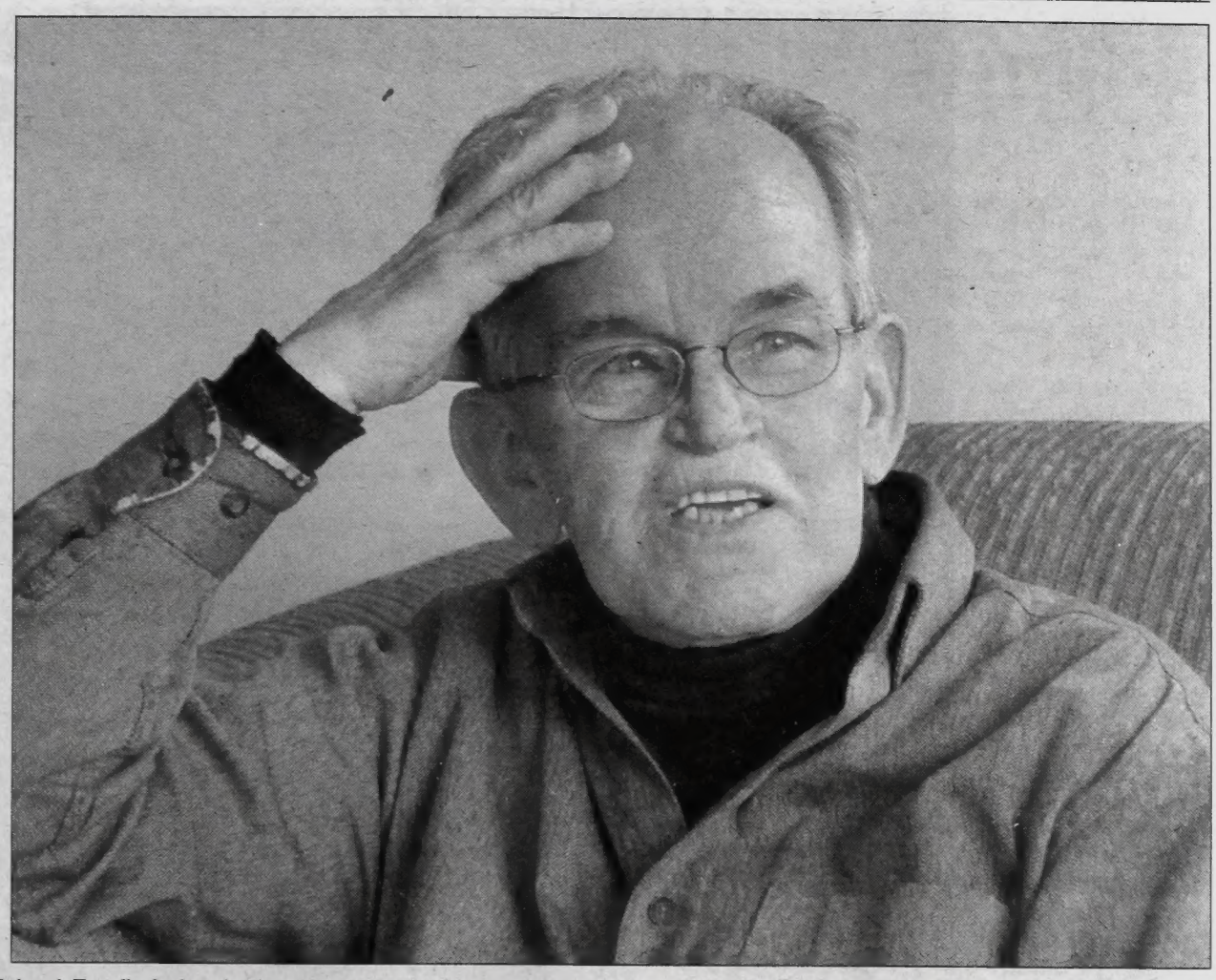
But people have to be persistent because, "like you're probably used to heavy metal and rap music now", bears can get used to air horns and banging pots.

For information on living near bears, what to do if you encounter one and other questions, see http://bears.mnr.gov.on.ca/

Exploring the 'what ifs?'

Playwright Michael Fay searches for answers

by JENN WATT
Times Staff



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Michael Fay finds inspiration simply by looking out the window of his Gull River home. What about the logs that used to float down to southern mills? What about the men who built the hydro dam? As the first writer-in-residence at R.D. Lawrence Place he's been given the freedom to ponder these questions.

We are surrounded by our histories but know very little about them. This is because, in many cases, we're not being told. We walk along rivers that once carried logs to cities, we drive on a highway built by indentured labour and we watch water rush over the dam built during the greatest depression Canada has ever endured.

These are the stories that intrigue Michael Fay, local writer, social activist and, as of April 22, first R.D. Lawrence Place writer-in-residence.

Fay's passion is finding the lost moments in history and bringing them to light through his plays and fiction. A month before he starts his tenure at R.D. Lawrence Place on Earth Day, Fay is already excited about the possibilities of his new post.

"I was involved in drafting a new framework for the writer-in-residence program. It's meant to encourage writers here, both by highlighting their work, and by introducing them to the work of others. But I decided that it was such a neat thing ... that I applied myself. I was lucky and honoured to be selected," he says in an interview at his home overlooking the Gull River.

Fay's work is inherently connected to place and the value of knowing the history of where one lives.

On October 26, 1935, the Orillia hydro dam – built by men paid $5 a day – at the head of the Gull River was dedicated with much fanfare. The Toronto Star sent a reporter to cover the event. It is one of the lost stories in Minden's history, and the subject of Fay's latest play, *A River Needs to Run*, to debut in August as part of the R.D. Lawrence Place program.

"I keep telling people that my whole theatre career is based on what I can see out my window," Fay laughs. Last summer, his play based on the "environmental holocaust" that occurred over a 15-year period when the area was deforested of pine, premiered in Minden. In that case, it was the trees that were missing from Fay's backyard that inspired him.

"My first really focused environmental play was the *Last of the Great White Pine*, which was the documentation of the taking down of 700,000 or more, likely, of the pine forest here and where it ended up," he says.

"I think it's an important work and it really caught interest here."

His goal is to create a common sense of shared history – to prove that Haliburton County's past matters and is worth writing about.

Last of the Great White Pine brought Fay closer to that goal last year, when he discovered a group of local actors thirsty for challenge and knowledge.

"There is a great pool of actors here who get excited about plays about their place, plays about their life, plays about them," Fay says.

"These are not plays set in London or Hollywood. The play's set here, right on this river. It's amazing how excited they were about that, getting into the idea that we too have a history, we too are worth literature, we too are worth being the subject of theatre."

Fay's next play, *A River Needs to Run*, uncovers another untold story, this time of the hydro dam.

It is a play within a play, set at the dedication ceremony of the dam in 1935. Under the auspices of a romance, Fay's characters are able to debate questions of water conservation and environmentalism in the context of Minden's history. It is a technique he originally learned from Canadian writer W.O. Mitchell.

"When I worked with W.O. Mitchell he said, 'You find a story within yourself, but then you make this leap and it's called "What if?"' And I could never quite get this, because I was too much of a literalist," he says.

"What happened was I eventually discovered this 'what if' – what if you talk about the debates that you had in your own family, in your own community, when you were a pacifist and everyone else was a militarist, what if you set that on a resort in Haliburton County in August of 1914? All of a sudden, this huge freedom came on me. It was this huge act of liberation for me," he says three years after he answered those "What if?" questions in his first play, *Never Such Innocence Again*.

He used this same technique in his 2006 short story titled Tenderness. "That story is interesting because it's the story of my father's death ... It's about kids who have both lost their parents, one to murder and one to suicide and they're trying to find a way to talk about it," Fay says.

Published in the 25th anniversary Alexandra Reader, it combines the dark, sullenness of death with the scorching sun of an Alberta summer in 1909. On top of the emotions Fay pulls from his own life experience, history is infused. The father character dies because he is a unionist

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Highlands history provides fodder for fascinating tales

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engaged in the freight handlers' strike against CPR; the reader knows only that he died on a train.

Themes and values of Fay's life inform the characters of his stories because even when the scenery changes from dusty Alberta to a lapping river, labour disputes, militarism, racism, poverty all still exist and can be played out in any number of ways. And the act of bringing history back into the public consciousness is his motivator.

"You realize how political the act of things going forward through history is. What stories get lost, and why they get lost, and what parts of stories get lost," he says.

One of his examples is the history of Sir Sam Hughes, who served as an MP for this riding. He is now perhaps best remembered through his estates – Sir Sam's Inn and Sir Sam's Ski Area – but his history is fraught with controversial political manoeuvering and questionable decision-making. The problem is, all of his papers are sealed to the public, making any investigation nearly impossible.

"The first fascination I had was with Sir Sam Hughes. I started to read that story and boy, it was a pretty interesting story. His rise in politics and his eventual election to the parliament of Canada and then what he did while he was there on a day-to-day basis and what he was famous for," Fay says.

"He was the guy who he discovered the political importance of the Orange Lodges and there were dozens of them in every village in the county and they were really the building blocks of his electoral success. ... He got himself very quickly head of the railway committee that authorized all of the rail lines across the country and that was in the rail-building era so he was a very important man," he says.

This is the kind of digging through history that makes Fay's eyes get big and his smile stretch a bit wider. He seems to do it wherever he goes – originally from Ohio, Fay moved to Canada in 1969 and lived out West and in Toronto before finally ending up in the Highlands – pushing history and politics together with persuasiveness of fiction. And with success. His play *Never Such Innocence Again* won nine awards in the 2005 Eastern Ontario drama competition, he was nominated as artist of distinction for the Arts Council and Highlander of the Year.

"The thing that's fascinating about this part of Ontario is that it didn't really have its writers that documented what the reality was. It was fortunate to always have quite professional and independent, less so now, local newspapers that were telling the story on a weekly basis. As far as novels or short stories or plays, you couldn't find them. They weren't there," he said.

So, after moving to Minden a decade ago with his partner Fay Martin, he started researching and writing. And that has led him to his current position as writer-in-residence.

"I think his experience and his work speaks for itself," says Diane Graham, former director of the Cultural Centre and member of the selection committee.

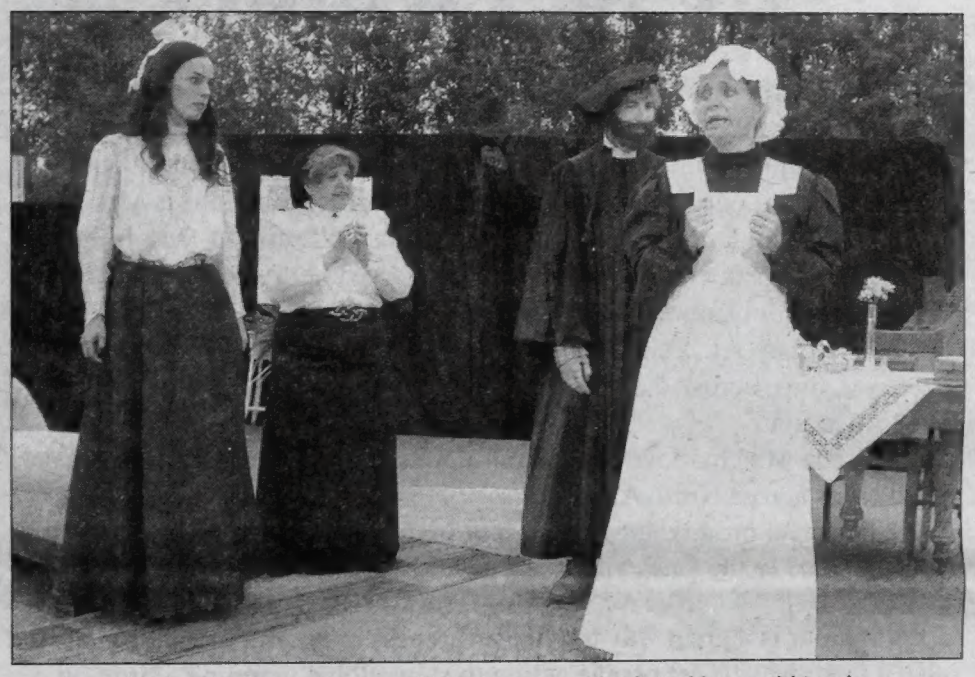
"Michael is a tremendous writer, an award-winning author. He's written plays, directed events in the community that promotes writing and the joy of writing."

Fay has already mapped out much of what his year in residence will mean. May will feature talks with local writers and performers including Shelley King, Fay Wilkinson, Lea Harper and Jerelyn Craden, from then on the year is a flash of plays, films, discussions and readings.

Sheryl Loucks, director of the R.D. Lawrence Place, says she's excited for the year with Fay. "We're absolutely thrilled to have someone of Michael's pedigree to be our writer-in-residence," she says.

R.D. Lawrence Place officially opens on Earth Day, April 22. There will be a reception from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Meanwhile, Michael Fay will talk about his life as a writer at the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network breakfast on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grill on the Gull. Tickets for the breakfast meeting may be purchased at The Storeroom in Minden or call Sharon Lawrence at 705-286-6276.

Never Such Innocence Again was about our reaction to war.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Earth Hour should be just a start

EVEN BEFORE IT HAPPENS, it can be declared that Earth Hour is a success. Everyone is talking about it, everyone is pledging support and, in Haliburton County, all municipalities have jumped on board.

In case you're one of the few who hasn't heard, Earth Hour is March 29 from 8 to 9 p.m. During that time, participants will turn off their lights for an hour as a statement that we need to conserve energy, quit being so wasteful and think about the planet.

When Sydney, Australia pioneered the hour, there was a 10.2 per cent energy savings across the city. Satellite images of that hour show a darkened Australia.

Likely, on March 30 we'll open our newspapers to similar images of darkened cities across North America.

We'll all feel proud that we took part in the effort and that our darkened homes added to the vast expanse of blackness in the bird's-eye view of the earth.

Earth Hour is a great way to raise awareness of environmental issues. It's also a great way to get people acting to slow global warming a little bit.

Where it gets a little sketchy is when people participating in the hour think they're doing something substantial or – more dangerously – have now "done their part" for the environment.

Any reductions in energy consumption are good, even if only for 60 minutes. We use far too much as it is, and we need to acknowledge that a lot of what we consume is dirty energy from coal plants (18 per cent of our energy) and the highly controversial nuclear energy (52 per cent).

But when the hour is over, will people continue on their environmental kick?

All of the municipalities and the county have pledged to participate in Earth Hour, but most of them note their buildings will be closed anyway. There's really nothing for them to turn off.

Algonquin Highlands is participating, but not if it means turning off security lights or interrupting programming at the community centre.

And that's as it should be – because this hour is symbolic. At the same time, the municipality will be credited with participating, even though no effort was necessary.

In the same way, when a resident turns off her lamp for an hour and turns on the TV to keep her mind occupied, what good is really being done and can she now say she "did her part" for the planet?

If Earth Hour is a starting point, it's a great start. If it turns into a means in itself, it's not worth much.

- Jenn Watt

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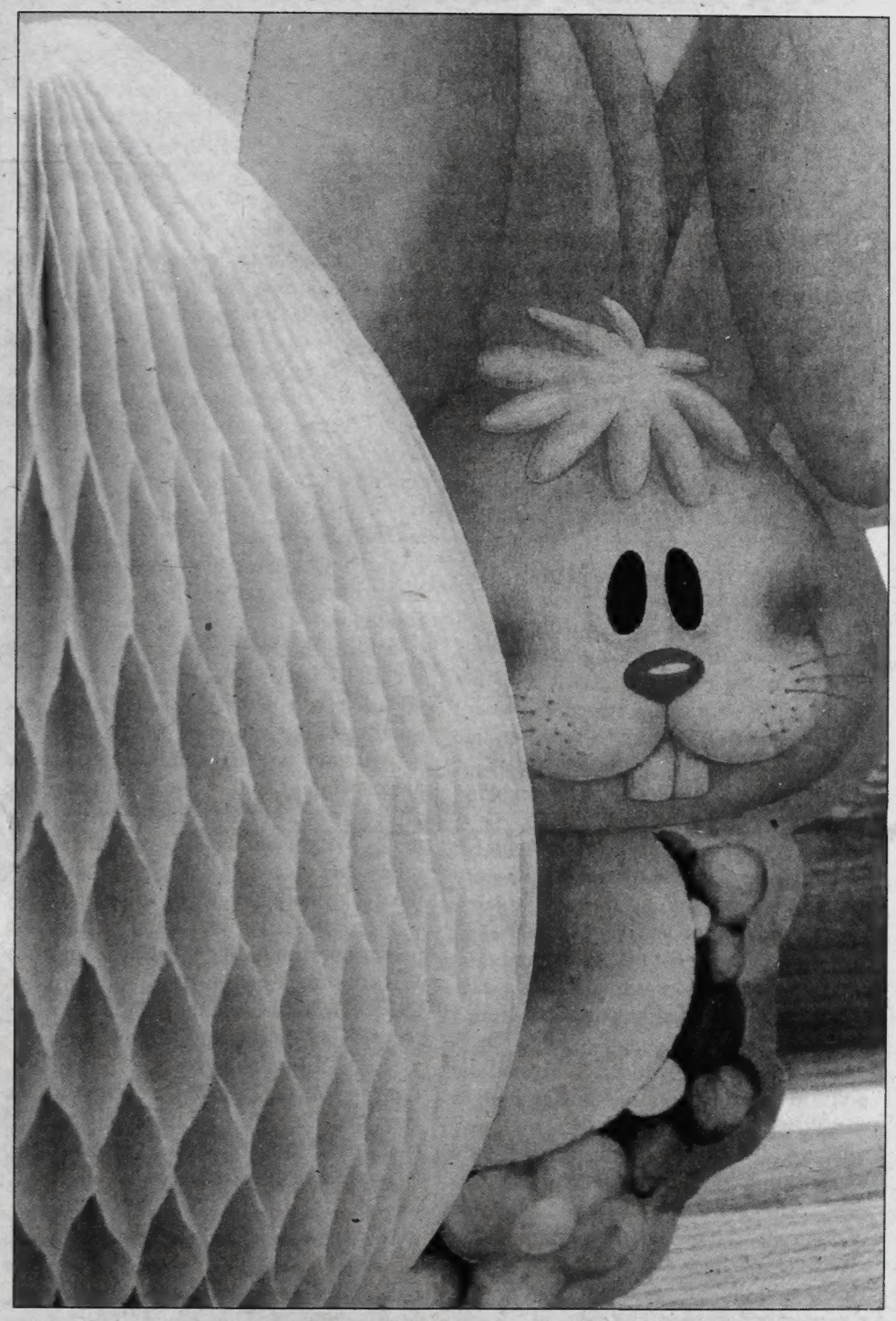

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If it isn't broken, don't fix it

To the Editor,

I have to agree with Gord Graham's letter last week about the new Minden Hills garbage system. The new system doesn't seem to make any sense at all. I live in Irondale as well, and with the limited hours of operations at the Irondale Landfill, I rarely make it there once a week, especially during the winter.

To set a weekly limit would assume that everyone goes to the dump weekly. If Minden Hills insists on weekly visits, they would have no way to track and enforce it. As Mr. Graham stated, how could the attendants possibly keep track of who came to the dump how often?

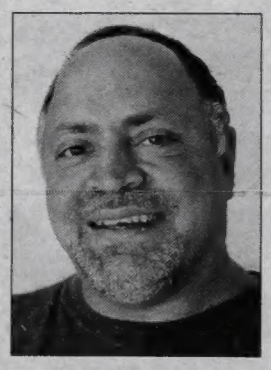
There was absolutely nothing wrong with the bag tag system. Minden Hills has done a great job breaking a system that worked fine.

Marcus Stong
Irondale

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Cavemen love Sportsmen's Shows



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

TWO WEEKS AGO, I spent five days sitting at a booth at the Toronto Sportsman's Show. When I returned home, my wife asked how I could possibly sit for 10 hours a day, for five days solid, speaking to passing sportsmen about hunting. It occurred to me that, after all this time, she had still learned nothing of the habits of outdoorsmen.

Anyone knows that sitting down and swapping hunting stories is at the heart of what we outdoorsmen do. I'm not sure when this tradition of story-telling and one-upmanship originated, but, without it, our ancestors would have had no really good reason to poke sharp sticks at passing mastodons.

The way I figure it, this proud tradition probably began when one member of the tribe came home wet, muddy, and with an angry otter attached to his leg – a common situation, I'm sure, that most outdoorsmen can relate to.

If that fellow was like most of us, I'm certain that he made an effort to act casually by making offhand quips about the weather and his favourite type of rock to throw. But somewhere along the line, he probably had to address the white elephant that was in the cave.

"You might have noticed that I have a live otter attached to my leg..." he would have probably begun hesitantly. And thus, the classic outdoors story was born.

Of course, modern outdoorsmen have developed our tale-telling to sophisticated and almost dizzying heights. For instance, these days we might begin with "So I was minding my own business, walking along the creek bank..." or "Did you know otters don't like it when you juggle their young?"

You'll note that these are sentences that draw listeners right into the story – pique their interest, if you will, and make the most of an otherwise common occurrence.

But once that stage is set, it's relatively easy to continue, perhaps by speaking of the break-neck speeds attained on the mudslide or the sting of frigid waters, and the rumbling of the rapids and waterfalls that soon followed. As anyone who has ever experienced this can relate, this cliché situation does not give you a lot to work with – but it can be made interesting if you take your time, use big adjectives, and tell it correctly.

In any case, somewhere back in the dawn of time, nearby outdoorsmen probably noted that the cave man with the thrashing otter attached to his inner thigh was getting a lot of attention as he explained the circumstance. Sure, it was unwarranted, but that was beside the point – anyone could see that this guy was on to something big.

Before long, he'd be asked to tell the otter story around local campfires or on the prehistoric talk-show circuit. Women would fawn all over him, hoping to be the proud owner of the pelt – once it let go.

In any case, my own stint at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show was merely a continuation of this proud and timeless tradition. Sure, there were no otters attached to any limbs, but there were grown men wearing buckskins and buffalo horns and several bone-chilling stories were told. One man regaled us with how he just broke the news of an expensive caribou hunt to his wife. As if that weren't enough, he then detailed his plan to slip hundreds of dollars worth of hunting gear through his front door in broad daylight.

Naturally, he got a lot of attention too. Sure it was unwarranted, but that was beside the point – anyone could see that he was on to something big.

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Spring will come when it's ready

BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

A MUDDY BROWN STAIN spreads over the stark white surface where I have just emptied the water from my rubber boots.

It is a perfect late winter day on Sapsucker Ridge, the shadows of trees etched in sharp relief against the snow in the glare of a late afternoon sun that promises warmth it doesn't deliver.

Perfect unless maple is on your mind. It is still too cold, a thick layer of snow smothers the tree roots and my sugar maples are barely drooling. There is more ice than liquid in my buckets.

I have made a bad choice. It is a choice between sinking snowshoeless up to my knees or having to remove and restore my webbed feet each time I move the tracked ATV that pulls my sap tank. Tomorrow I will chose the snowshoes.

Each time I climb out of my three-foot-deep footprints onto a packed trail, my boots make a sloshing sound as I carry my little bit of sap to a haul tank. Then I stand on one foot, pull a boot off one foot, dump it, then do the other.

I put my feet back into boots that are not much drier for the dumping; my pants and underwear are soaked to the knees. I will dump my boots three more times that day.

More sensible folks are waiting for the weather to turn but I am no good at waiting. I have had three trivial boils before most people have even begun tapping.

Making syrup is supposed to teach patience but, after seven years, I still haven't learned the lessons absorbed by Charlie Tyler so long ago on Waverly Brook Farm near Donald.

I am in my dotage, but Charlie has been making syrup since before I was born. He knows the sap will choose its own time to start running, and that might be anytime between the start of March and mid-April.

This year it seems to be favouring mid-April. A rule of thumb up here on the dome of Ontario is that the first flows start about March 25, but I have always made my first syrup before then. Until this year.

Seventy years have taught Charlie the virtues of waiting. Three times, one of them in 1965, his season didn't start until April 10, about the time mine is usually winding down. In 1950, he boiled his last syrup on April 28 and then got married the next day.

By Sunday night, the only 2008 syrup I've heard of in Haliburton County was produced over at Cardiff, at Camp Can-Aqua – 20 gallons from a bush that should eventually produce at least 800. More syrup has been made to the south of us, but the season has been slow arriving everywhere.

March 25 isn't the only rule of thumb. Oldtimers tapped by the full moon, or when the snow melted off the tree roots, or when they heard a certain bird song.

The old boys didn't have long-range forecasts to fret over. They looked at the sky, felt the air on their skin, waited to see what would happen tomorrow, knew that worrying couldn't change the future.

It is a lesson hard-learned. March 25 was Monday and so we're not so late after all, and the 14-day forecast that promises nothing much before April might be wrong.

It looks good for the end of next week, somebody will say after checking the long-range, whistling in the dark. It says plus two with snow and we both know we need a plus five and a warming sun to loosen things up.

Diane and Tom Dawson of Wintergreen Maple Products have been making maple syrup at Gelert longer than me, but not nearly so long as Charlie Tyler.

"It's not really late," says Diane. "It's just that winter has been going on for so long."

She sounds wistful as she says it.

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Give our elderly what they want and deserve

To the Editor:

One year ago, the McGuinty government promised to establish staffing and care standards to make nursing home residents get the care they need.

Instead, Health Minister George Smitherman is running yet another consultation.

The time for talk is over. Caregivers in long-term care facilities are run off their feet trying to provide quality care. Residents in nursing homes are enduring shameful living conditions. With so few staff, too many residents have to get up before breakfast is ready, and too many don't get enough walking and exercise.

Our loved ones, vulnerable and frail residents, deserve an average 3.5 hours of care each day. That's the standard of care that Manitoba, Alberta and New Brunswick are striving to achieve. These people built this country and the least this government can do is provide the care they need and deserve.

Minister Smitherman would do well to remember that one day, it is going to be him and the rest of us needing that care.

Signed on behalf of CUPE
Sharon Crowe
Minden

Store owner encourages people to 'go green'

Jenn Watt/TIMES

Susan Kellar will do her part to cut back on packaging at her store, Whispers North Gallery and Gifts. She challenges other stores to join in.

To the Editor:

We all know (and admire) a FEW people who are "long-time" recyclers; those who have always lived by practices that protect and sustain the environment.

MANY of us are now carrying reusable grocery bags (made of recycled materials) in our cars for grocery and other types of shopping. Because it's a new habit for MOST of us, some still need a helpful reminder before entering the grocery store.

The promotion reuseable bags and stringent recycling of our waste products are only a beginning for those of us who wish to participate in saving the environment. The point is, that many people are starting to care more and take more steps in their lives to go green, both at home and at work.

Gandhi said, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." Imagine our world, in the future, if every individual contributes now, in some measure, to the health of our environment. Will every reader challenge himself or herself to make the commitment to do more than you are doing now, in your own life, that will make a difference?

As a retailer, I am making a long-term committment to "go green". What can I do, as a store owner in Minden, to make changes?

#1: I will start using eco friendly materials. I plan to phase out plastic bags and plastic wrapping materials. I will talk to suppliers and ask what they are doing to discourage the use of styrofoam and plastic in shipping and, I will continue to reuse and eventually get rid of the plastics I have now.

#2: I will cut back on the amount of gift packaging and encourage and reward my customers for using paper gift bags and/or bringing their own bags. I have a few customers who consistently refuse a gift box and a bag.

This is a win-win situation; the landfill site does not need another box, the customer does not have to find a place to store the box at home and it saves our business some money. Other customers return gift boxes for repackaging. Thank you all! Granted, there are times we need a box. I only hope that my customers will support my endeavors and share their own ideas with me.

#3: I will encourage municipal initiatives that provide a recycling policy for businesses and the placement of more recycle bins outside our businesses and throughout our parks and walkways. I would recommend an award program for businesses in Minden which promote and practise eco-friendly measures.

#4: "Shopping local" will be a constant theme in our retail business.

Going green will cost us more, initially. In our business, the plastics we are phasing out are cheaper to come by than paper. New products, beautiful and functional, made from renewable resources would grace the shelves of my store. However, the cost to the retailer and the customer is higher than I can justify. Along the same line, organic foods cost more.... Perhaps it will all even out in the end.

It's only a start and more ideas are percolating but Whispers North Gallery and Gifts is committed to making a difference. Are you ready to start working with us today?

Susan J. Kellar
Proprietor, Whispers North Gallery and Gifts
The Village Green, Minden
705- 286-2042
whispersnorth@sympatico.ca

P.S. Don't forget to mark Earth Hour on your calendar; electricity out from 8-9 p.m. on Saturday March 29th; that's a Haliburton County commitment.

H.C.D.C. FUNDING PROGRAM RETURNS!

The Haliburton County Development Corporation is pleased to announce the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

We are accepting applications for funding from businesses, sole proprietors and organizations for activities that will support local economic development.

Need Assistance with a Community Economic Development Project?

Funding is available through the Local Initiative Program to support not-for-profit organizations engaged in community economic development projects.

Application deadline May 5th, 2008

Interested in Hiring a Youth Intern?

Funding is available through the Youth Internship Program to assist local businesses and not-for-profit organizations in providing recent college or university graduates (up to the age of 30) with work experience.

Application deadline April 14th, 2008

Looking for Skills Development and Training?

Funding is available through the Skills Development Fund to assist local businesses, sole proprietors, business associations and social enterprises with skills development and training for employees and owners.

Application deadline April 21st, 2008

Working on a Business or Marketing Plan?

Funding is available through the Business Planning Initiative to assist existing or potential local businesses, sole proprietors and social enterprises with the development of business, marketing and export plans.

Application deadline April 30th, 2008

Thinking About Developing a Vacant or Under-used Industrial or Commercial Property?

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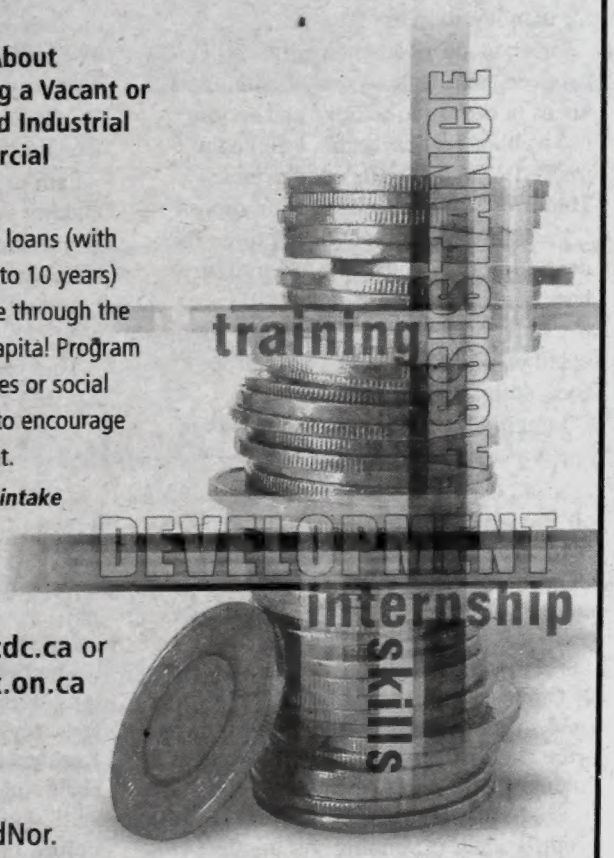
Continuous intake



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ADOPTION OF 2008 BUDGET

At their March 27th Regular Meeting, Minden Hills Council intends to consider and adopt the 2008 Municipal Budget. The Council Meeting will commence at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at 7 Milne St, Minden.
All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MINDEN!

April 1st is Minden's Birthday. Help us make our Sesquicentennial in 2009 the best year ever. Share your photos, events or tidbits that only you may know about. Did someone famous visit Minden? Do you know someone famous who hales from Minden? What is your favourite moment, memory, story or event? Did your ancestors do something heroic or innovative?

CANADA DAY

Do you have an idea for a great event or activity for Canada Day? Do you want to be a volunteer at one of the events? Call Rick Cox at 286-1260 x 220.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 27	Council, Council Chambers
March 31	Sesquicentennial Logo submission deadline
April 10	Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers
April 26	Spring Art Fashion Show - Agnes Jamieson Gallery 6pm
July 4	Every Yard Counts - nomination deadline

CALL TO CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for creative individuals interested in submitting a logo design to the Sesquicentennial Committee. Help us celebrate our 150th anniversary with a year to remember. Designs may contain a maximum of 3 colours and white. Additional criteria will be available shortly on our website or by contacting Rick Cox, at the Township Office. All Designs must be submitted by 12:00 noon Monday, March 31st, 2008 in a **sealed envelope, clearly marked "Sesquicentennial Logo"** addressed to the Township Office, c/o Rick Cox, Director of Community Services.

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THE DRAFT SITE PLAN AGREEMENT SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE ON MARCH 13TH, HAS BEEN POSTPONED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION ON MARCH 27TH, 2008.

For information contact:
(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM
Planning Administrator
Dated March 6, 2008

Join the Cultural Centre Team!

We'd love to welcome you as a volunteer and have a variety of ways you can participate.
From time to time, we need friendly faces at reception for just 1 1/2 hours midday. We're always grateful for helping hands at special events, mailings or even with summer gardening. Call Deb at 286-2808 for an application or more details about the opportunities at Minden Hills Museum, RD Lawrence Place or Agnes Jamieson Gallery. *Thank you!*

IN THE MATTER OF Minden St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Gelert Cemetery, Bethel United Cemetery and Milburn Cemetery;

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has passed By-Law No. 08-13 Schedule "G" to amend By-Law No.07-22, to amend the tariff of fees. This By-Law is subject to the approval of the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services.

Any interested parties may contact the undersigned, or to receive a copy of the amended By-Law:
Ray Miscio, Parks, Arena and Cemetery Manager
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Minden Hills Museum part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre requires 4 summer students subject to available funding from YCW

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- Legally entitled to work in Canada
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- Returning to school in the fall of 2008
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- A self starter, able to work with minimal supervision
- And have good written and verbal skills

Subject to available funding through Young Canada Works, will be hiring four different positions.
Contact Carol Simmons 705-286-3154 for more information

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Please use caution around local waterways during the next few weeks with fluctuating temperatures and the possibility of sudden melting snow and flooding within the area. Please ensure you are equipped in and around your own homes to accommodate the possibility of quick flooding due to the substantial amount of snowfall we have received this winter and warm temperatures. Extra care may be required to ensure you have the equipment/needs to accommodate any sudden flooding problems in and around your homes. The link below (Environment Canada) is provided for your information with regard to flooding.
http://ontario.hazards.ca/maps/background/Flood-e.html
http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/water/p767.html

Every Yard Counts Minden Hills - 2008

Every Yard Counts encourages and recognizes residents and businesses in our community who contribute to the beautification of our Township.

Every Yard Counts Awards of Merit will be given in residential, commercial and neighbourhood categories. Nomination forms are available online, at the Minden Cultural Centre, and the Administration Office. The nomination deadline is Friday July 4, 2008.

NEW - PLEASE NOTE

Council passed a new Fees and Charges By-law on February 28, 2008 and all fees and charges are now in place, with the exception of the Cemetery Fees.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE CLERK'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHARGING THE FOLLOWING FEES:

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NOTICE

Please remember that load restrictions are in effect on Township roads until further notice.

Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CALL: 1-866-856-3247. FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

A Fact of Interest for Minden Hills (Village of Minden) Sesquicentennial
"The Clergy House (on Water St.) was originally built as a logging outpost, but was purchased in September 1899 by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto."

Landfills may change summer hours

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

New summer hours for the municipality's dumps have been proposed to synchronize each location and to reduce bear watching, said operations manager Brian Whetstone.

The suggested new hours would have all landfills closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and opening at 8 a.m. most days.

"We haven't reduced service levels in any way," Whetstone told council. In most cases, the landfills will be open more hours.

One problem they have been having is garbage left at the gates of the Dorset site on Monday mornings as cottagers return to the city.

With the proposed hours, it would be more likely that the dump would be open as those people left for home.

Whetstone also gave council a list of proposed tipping fees that were on par with other municipalities'.

While there is room for each municipality to charge different fees, they have been trying to make the language of the landfills policies similar to ease the process for residents.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Algonquin Highlands

Fires way up so far

No one knows why but since November, the fire department has responded to far more calls than in the same period in 2007 and 2006.

According to a report prepared by fire chief John Hogg, 92 calls were responded to this winter compared to 47 last winter and 53 the year before.

The number of false alarms was also much higher than in the past two years with 12 responses so far this year, but only two in each of the previous two years.

Ball diamond discussion continues

Jim Jones, chairperson of Dorset's ball diamond rehabilitation committee, came seeking guidance from council on whether fundraising for a covered ice rink is worth the effort. His committee is looking at developing the park to make it more appealing and useful to the Dorset community and tourists with ideas of a walking track and pavilion as well as a covered ice rink.

Looking at other communities, Jones said a roof structure would probably be more than $100,000 and wondered whether that was something his committee should pursue.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said that it's easier "eating the elephant one piece at a time," by breaking the different projects up and tackling them individually.

At this point, a covering for the rink is not a certainty. Since the park is owned by both Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays, the committee is also doing a presentation there. After speaking with the other municipality and having a committee meeting, the group will come back to Algonquin Highlands with a more detailed plan.

Library advocates want committee

Residents want to keep their library branches but they also want services to improve, Jan McDonald of the Algonquin Community Development Corporation told council. Along with Rob Walisser, McDonald came to summarize the library forum process that had 110 people attend a meeting at the Frost Centre on January 14.

Council had given the group funding for flyers to invite everyone from Stanhope and Dorset to the event that discussed whether one of the municipality's two branches should close and if so, which one.

"The whole process ... has been an amazing journey," McDonald said.

She said that the forums (there were two others held by the county soon after) had helped bring the community together and had increased attendance at the Dorset library.

At the development corporation's forum, McDonald had distributed a survey about what people wanted from their libraries.

"Everbody wanted something more," McDonald said of the results.

So they did another survey, this time of Dorset residents. With a 32 per cent response rate out of 230 mailed surveys, two out of every five people said they attended the library weekly or monthly in the past 12 months.

Other survey results indicated that the hours weren't convenient, there weren't enough books and people wanted more programming. If the hours were more regular, the survey found 50 per cent would use the library more.

McDonald suggested that the municipality establish a library committee like the one in Minden Hills. Council said it would consider that recommendation.

Earth Hour

For one hour on March 29, the municipality will try to turn out all of its lights in support of the global movement to spread awareness of global warming.

From 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. along with Minden Hills, Dysart et al, the County of Haliburton and Highlands East, all municipal buildings will turn out their lights – unless they can't for security reasons or for community programming.

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Saturday, April 5th - Movie Making with Tammy Rea
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Saturday, May 3rd - Digital Images with Tammy Rea, Chris and Zach Youngdale
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There is Still Time!
Get Out & Enjoy Spring!

The Easter Bunny found so many great places to shop in Minden, he's decided to stay for a little while longer.

Visit all of his favourite businesses and count the number of eggs he left behind.

There are 30 places to visit, so you might want to split up the hunt with a friend or two.

Get your ballot in Friday's Weekender or pick one up at a participating business.

Contest closes April 7.

Matt James/TIMES

Store owners such as Jodi Paterson of Minden Home Hardware are getting into the spirit of Earth Hour by donating some of the eco-friendly prizes that will be given away by Canoe FM between 8 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

Stores donate Earth Hour prizes

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hosting Big Band Saturday Night by candlelight in the broadcast booth. She also has a few prizes to give away.

To get youth involved, Black headed to Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Thanks to teacher Sue Ferren, kids are one step ahead. They've already formed their own enviro-group, the Eco-team.

"The Eco-team is planning an Earth Hour event," said Ferren. "We are doing it on Thursday, March 27 with a 'lights out' for an hour and there's a short assembly to show a video about Earth Hour and the environment."

At the school Black recorded the kids giving environmental tips to listeners on how to be eco-friendly. The students also gave examples of how we should recycle and crush cardboard boxes etc. Of course it was all in support of Earth Hour.

Word of Earth Hour has spread quickly throughout the county and to businesses but Black is still encouraging people to take part.

Algonquin Highlands is behind the event, as is Jodi Paterson of Home Hardware in Minden. Her business has donated biodegradable clear garbage bags as well as energy efficient light bulbs as prizes. Dollo's IGA Minden donated bio leaf bags and McMahon's Feeds N' Needs has donated clear garbage bags. The municipality of Minden Hills will donate recycling boxes.

So if you haven't got any plans yet for Saturday night, why not have a few friends over and become one of hundreds of thousands to participate in Earth Hour 2008? And if you do have plans turn your lights out for an hour and help break an Earth Hour record.

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Council debates timing of $50,000 airport study

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renovations and $50,000 for the cross-winds runway airport study among others.

The spending on the airport study made a couple of councillors uneasy.

"I know you want to have [the study] because people want to see the business plan and that's fine, but I just think this has been ongoing for years ... If the money's not there to do it this year, fair enough," said deputy-reeve Tom Gardner to Harrison.

"I'd like to see it taken to a level where we can answer the questions people are putting to us," Harrison responded.

In order for council to make a decision about whether to go ahead with the cross-winds runway, a study needs to be done of the geography to see if it is suitable. Altogether, that will cost council $90,000.

"[The runway issue] will never be put to bed because this is an issue that will remain in the psyche of our community for a long, long time," said councillor Carol Moffatt.

"This is a long-term project. I don't think there is any rush ... What's the rush?" she said.

The fact that the runway had been debated for such a long time was one of the reasons councillor Don Shortreed thought the study should move forward.

"I know it's a big commitment and it's going to be a hard year, but we're talking here about adding another per cent [tax increase] to the budget and I think this is one of the worthwhile things and I think it's going to be part of our future," he said.

Moffatt and Gardner were the only two who wanted to slow down on the study so it is scheduled to go ahead.

Another concern in what was repeatedly called an "ambitious" budget was the amount allocated to waste management reserves, originally $50,000. Council thought that if taxes could be increased by another percentage, an additional $27,000 could go into that reserve.

"One thing is we haven't done any further contributions to reserves for septage. We don't know where we're heading. I'm not sure where we're going to end up," Gardner said.

Algonquin Highlands is in the middle of an environmental assessment process on what to do with the sludge collected from residents' septic systems and so far the Ontario Ministry of the Environment hasn't been forthcoming with new rules. This has left the municipality in limbo waiting to see what changes (perhaps costly) it will have to make to deal with the waste.

Likewise, the Dorset landfill is scheduled to close in a few years, which could mean finding other places for garbage.

"How long will it be until these to-the-bone budgets and sacrificed projects creep up on us?" Moffatt asked.

The budget has not been passed and the new recommendations will be incorporated into a final document that council will vote on probably at the second meeting in April after the county passes its levy.

Matt James/TIMES

Back to school

This young deer came to visit the students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on the first day back after the Easter break. Like the students, he had probably hoped to find some green grass to play on.

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International expert, Orie Loucks, comes home for keynote address

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Balancing human development and environmental conservation will be one of the great challenges for Haliburton County politicians over the next century, says Orie Loucks, scheduled keynote speaker for U-link's Celebration of Research on March 29.

Orie Loucks

People who have used this land have made many big mistakes, says Loucks, including his own family who settled in Minden in 1858.

"The family has followed resource extraction in Haliburton County for these many years and you look back at it and there was a lot of pretty dumb things done," he said in an interview.

"Particularly, raising the water levels for the logging drives on the rivers, at least on the reservoir lakes at that time. That killed a lot of timber all around the lakes. So I grew up seeing all these dead forests on the low-lying land around Lake Canning," he said.

An internationally renowned specialist in ecology, Loucks has spent most of his career in the United States. He retired from teaching at his latest post at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, when he was 72.

"The question is, are we learning carefully enough from our long history of serious mistakes to be sure we're avoiding the mistakes going forward?" Loucks asks.

His keynote on Saturday will address this issue – are we learning well enough from our past to halt environmentally destructive behaviour we commit today?

One concern Loucks has for Haliburton is the possible development of back lots – something that will fall in the laps of our local politicians more and more as the population grows.

"We use the term 'sustainability' to guide our plans for development now but, at the same time, property owners may have their retirement money tied up on the expectation they can sell additional lots for development to pay for their needs during retirement. So back-lot development is a really serious threat to water quality," Loucks said.

"I'll be showing some data on degradation of water quality that we have seen in the last 75 years [at the Celebration of Research] and although we're making some headway, when we have back-lot development as we have had at the Kawartha Lakes, that will put us at risk of degrading water quality," he said.

Loucks originally studied botany for his PhD at the University of Wisconsin (he achieved his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Toronto), but found himself drawn to the work of chemical engineers and eventually was studying watersheds.

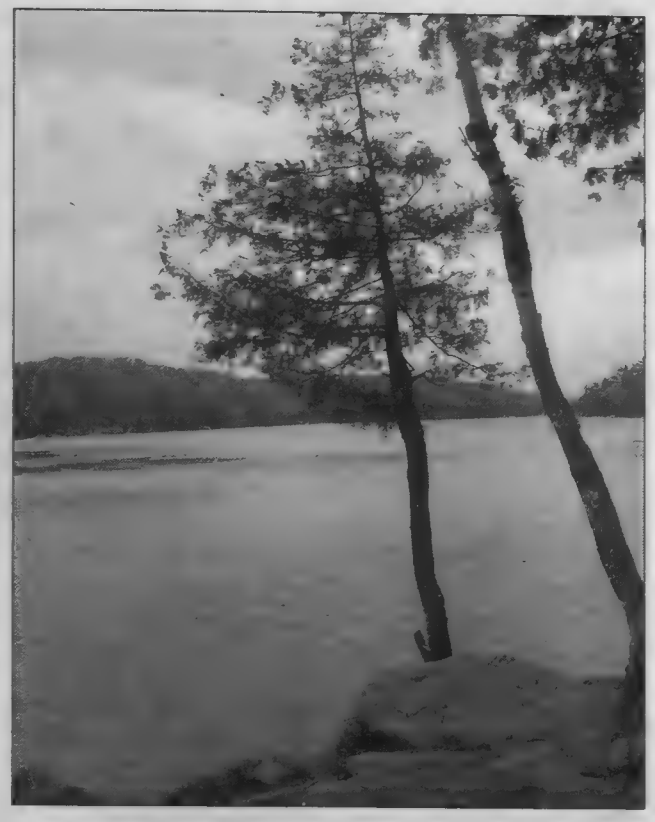
During his 16 years at the University of Wisconsin, he worked on modeling nutrient balances in watersheds – where nutrients in the entire water system end up between life forms, lakes, rivers and ground water. And although he now lives far from his hometown (where he grew up with brother Foster Loucks), he still has a cottage at Canning Lake and continues to work on Haliburton projects.

"I help protect a 3,000 acre preserve on Clear Lake on the north side of Big Hawk Lake. It's a pretty wild area, but there are introductions of fish species there," he said.

"We're trying to keep anyone from using imported commercial minnows because that's an introduced species. So, we have to make sure that if you're going to fish in these remote lakes where we're trying to achieve conservation and you want to use minnows, you've got to catch the minnows in that lake. Which is not so difficult, but it's not a common practice. But that's a dimension of what we have to do in the future to achieve sustainability," he said.

Looking to what has happened in other places and keeping an eye to the future needs to be how politicians think when deciding Haliburton's fate, Loucks said.

"The economic pressures for [politicians] to change, and to increase the development within the many lake basins, are very, very great and people are going to be pushed toward accepting a little more development. Lake management plans which are getting underway will be a major and very convincing step that we are going to do the right things with respect to water quality," he said, noting that after Haliburton expanded its wastewater plant, a lake management plan was to be done, but nothing happened.


Orie Loucks helps protect a 3,000 acre preserve on Clear Lake. He's tryng to prevent anglers from introducing imported commercial minnows to the lake.

"So we are not doing a lot of things we know we should be doing. And with respect to introduction of unwanted minnow species, it's not something that many people want to have to hear about," he said.

Loucks will be speaking at the U-links Celebration of Research on Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. at Fleming College in Haliburton. There will also be a discussion on restoration of the Gull River and poster displays of students' community-based research through U-links.

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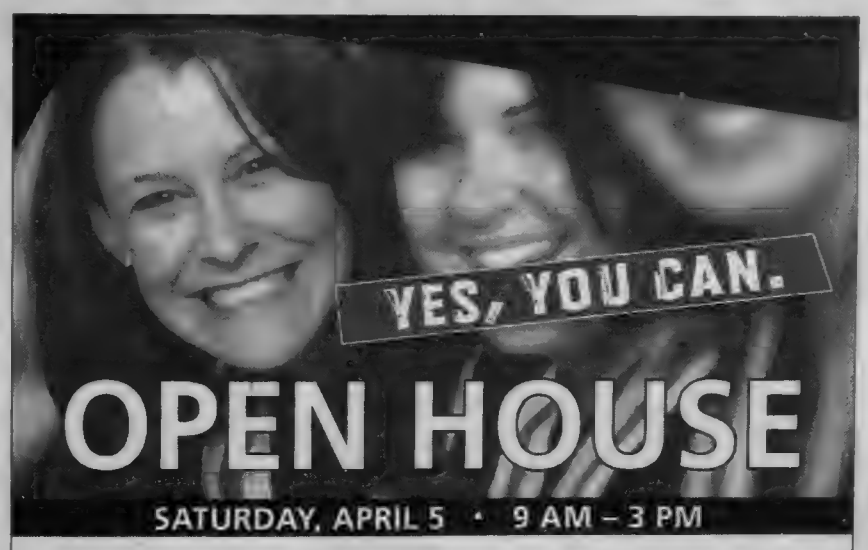

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Jesse Johnson, left, and Noah Black are swinging – barely. There is still so much snow on the ground that the kids are just able to swing.

Denver Allore, Liam Little, Connor Spence and Drew Foster stomp on the snow to help make it go away.

Dylan Gullins, 6, digs a mine in the snow.

Happy Spring?

Photos by Matt James

Recess in late March at Archie Stouffer Elementary School looks a lot like it did in December. While the kids realized it was officially spring it mattered not that there was still a whole lot of snow on the ground it didn't stop them from enjoying the great outdoors.

Sam Klochkoff slides on some ice during recess.

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Another Easter has come and gone. Regardless of whether you celebrated it in a religious manner, the media-distorted version of the Easter Bunny, or simply as an extra long weekend, I hope you had a good Easter.

Ours is a combination of all the above. It's been years since I have been a practising Catholic but on the other hand I watch all the religious specials. The Catholic religion has changed quite a bit over the years. Gone are the fasting nightmares that occasionally had me fainting in church.

We have our traditional lunch at my Ma's house in Toronto which means the usual crowding of 15 people in a small condo. Good thing we all get along!

Everyone knows someone who has battled breast cancer and because of that I have been asked to remind you that the annual Dragon Boat Festival will be happening June 21 at Palmer Park, Port Perry. The team registration is filling up quickly – 39 teams have already registered!

The deadline is March 31. The festival is to promote breast cancer awareness, support programs for breast cancer survivors and to raise funds for diagnosis and treatment at four local hospitals: Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, Lakeridge Health in Port Perry, Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and R. S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre in Oshawa. It's great to know that in the past three years this community event has raised over $287,000 in pledges, money that remains in our local area.

There is no experience necessary. All equipment is provided and dragon boat skills and safety procedures are covered during the practices being booked two weeks prior to event day.

To get your registration package or to get more detailed answers to your questions you can either phone 705-932-2078 or 705-324-6272 or visit their website www.thedragonflies.org.

Show your support, get involved!

There are so many "feel good" things we can do to be part of the human race. My daughter Mari-anne has been determined to sponsor a child in a far-off land. The commercials have had a big impact on her, so this week we explored things on the internet and she now has an eight-year-old girl named Agnes who lives in Indonesia. The hardest part for Mari-anne will be the wait for the picture and documents to come in the next few weeks. Have a great week!

Author releases new book of poetry

Brenda Peddigrew is launching a new book of poetry, *SoulWinds: poems of transformation.*

Known in the county as a writer and facilitator of the Alquonquin Highlands Writers' Resonance Circle, she launched her first book of poems, *When the Bones Find Their Singing Place*, in June, 2006. This collection went through several printings and eventually sold 312 copies.

Brenda Peddigrew

On Saturday, March 29, from 1-4 p.m. at Club 35 in Halls Lake, the Alqonquin Highlands Writers' Resonance Circle will sponsor the launch of her second collection, *SoulWinds: poems of transformation*. This event will also celebrate the whole Writers' Circle, with readings of original writings by several members. Appetizers and finger foods will be provided. The *SoulWinds* collection will be available for purchase.

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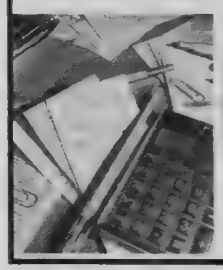

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Individuals, businesses and organizations were invited to donate towards the 440 feet of rink perimeter required at a cost of $60 per foot. As a result of the community's generous response the goal of having some skating during the March break was realized. There are still some board feet however waiting to be "adopted" and the Society would be delighted to hear from those who wish to become part of this important project.

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Do plan to join the Earth Hour Challenge this coming Saturday, March 29 and turn off your lights from 8 to 9 p.m. in support of environmental concern for our home planet.

From the Kinmount Legion Branch #441 here are the results from the Big Bucks Bid Euchre held on March 19. Hugh Fountain led at 320 with Doreen Martynek a close second at 319 and Helen Frain third 311 third. This popular event is held on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 11 a.m.

The April meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place Wednesday, April 9 in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre [back door]. The doors open at 6 p.m. for business and conversation. The speaker at 7 p.m. will be Dr. R.B. [Rae] Fleming, historian, biographer and author. Dr. Fleming's topic will be "General Stores of Canada: Merchants and Memories." Copies of this and his other books will be available for purchase. It should be a most interesting meeting. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are available and there will the "bring and win" raffle. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286 - 2225.

Continuing with the genealogy theme Trent Valley Archives in Peterborough has organized a full-day Genealogy Fair on Saturday, April 5 at the Wayside Academy in Peterborough. Topics include research, document conservation and comparison of software on the market plus much more. For more information please contact Karen Carter-Edwards at (705) 743-4220.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 18 bid euchre Minden Legion: Leading the ladies' high scores was Pat Roussel at 327 with Elli Langpohl next at 280 and Marcy Morgan 274 third. First for the gents at 256 was Pat Scadden with Ida Young a close second at 255 and Dana Briscoe 247 third. Moonshots went to Verna McDonald, Don Burch, Marcy Morgan, Elli Langpohl and Pat Scadden [2] while Elli Langpohl completed her "hat trick" winning a draw along with our reporter Jean Scadden, Sharron Atkinson and Gala Stamp.

March 18 euchre at Lochlin: Barbara Carpenter reports that Don Hicks and Rita Crofts had the high scores with the evening's lows recorded by Don Curry and Gala Newell. Gerald Hicks took the lone hand honours and Don Curry won the special prize.

March 18 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Connie Sawyer and Beth McWatters with 300 points while second spot went to Diane Platt and Ellen Holden at 207. Maureen Ireland and Jean Dutka joined forces for third place at 195 and the afternoon's low of 90 went to Dorene Elstone partnered with Cliff Davison.

March 18 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams played by Liv Andersen and Lita Peirol, Ev Morgan then Rob Eaton and Linda Cherry partnered with Muriel McIntosh. For a second consecutive week Kelly Metcalf led the scoring at 6760 followed by Ev Morgan 6750, Linda Cherry 5540 and Harold Cox 5500. Bruce Armstrong won the lucky draw, Norma Crewson the Shiny Penny and Kelly Metcalf the D.D. sweepstake for his Daily Double.

March 19 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots went to Alton Morris, Albert Foster and Muriel Harrington. Tops for the pinks was Clara Miscio at 307 then Linda Lambert 291 and Marj Coffey 233 while Pat Scadden came first for the white cards at 296 with our reporter Gala Stamp second at 285 and Dave Switzer 270 third.

March 19 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh were first at 61% then Jan and Dave Heaven next at 55% and Reet Murray partnered with our reporter Ross Fletcher a close third at 54%.

March 20 euchre at Minden Legion: For lone hands it was Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury with Pat Roussel and Bob Pollard recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Bev Johnson and Marcel Roussel with Eileen Shapiera, Carol Derbyshire, Kay Orr, Pearl Cowen and our reporter May Bradbury winning the other prizes.

March 21 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Pat Bailey won for high hands and Albert Foster for lone hands with Elaine Yeo "double lucky" taking both low hand and the special draw prize.

March 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Scores were closely grouped with Bruce Armstrong and Harold Cox first at 59% then Kathie Porter teamed with Rob Eaton next at 58% and in third Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf 56%.

March 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio in order were Marjorie Paradis, Sam Gaudet and Emily Harvie. Emily also won the draw while Marion Leslie and our reporter Pauline Franzen had the moonshots.

March 24 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Don Jemmett won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands, Eileen Shepstone for low hands with the draw going to Verna McDonald.

March 24 euchre at Club 35: In the lone hands column it was Jean Dutka while Mary Pearson won the bologna. High lady was Clara Miscio (isn't that something!) with Dave Switzer first for the gents. Low scores for the evening were recorded by Colleen Davison and our reporter Garth Windsor with Ann and Robert McIvor taking home special prizes.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-070/04
   Applicant: Frederick C. THOMAS
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 20, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Stanhope
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-105/06
   Applicant: Shirley WARDER
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

3. File No. H-001/08
   Applicant: Rhonda Francis "In Trust"
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 26th day of March, 2008.

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• **Mar 26**: Minden Community Forum: The Social Elements of a strong Community – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, at 7:30pm. Babysitting provided. For more information contact Carolyn Cobourn at 754-9859.

• **Mar 26**: Parent Talk Time – Haliburton OEYC from 10am – 11:30am – Introducing Solids with your Toddler. Join Beth MacEachern and Megan Stong from HKPR Health Unit as they provide hands-on demonstration on introducing solids with your child. For more information please phone 457-2989.

• **Mar 26**: Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894

• **Mar 26 & 27**: Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894

• **Mar 27**: Haliburton County Veterinary Services Committee would like to remind existing members and invite potential new members to attend the Annual General Meeting in the Meeting Room of Minden Arena. There will be a speaker, elections, and membership payments at this time. Fore more information please call Andrea 286-6753

• **Mar 27**: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m.. Located at Staanworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

• **Mar 29**: Stanhope Soccer League Registration – from 1-3pm. Boys and girls ages 5-14. Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall. Northshore Road, Carnarvon. Please call the recreation department for more information 705-766-9968.

• **Apr 1**: Minden and District Horticultural Society – 1 pm at the Minden Community Centre. General Meeting with speaker Ross Pogue. "Planning and planting pumpkins, squash and gourds". Treats- Maple munchies.

• **Apr 2**: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome

• **Apr 3**: Figure out Food Labels – with registered dietitian Rosie Kadwell, 10:30 am in Haliburton, 2 pm in Minden. Please call 457-1391 ext. 245 for more information and to sign up.

• **Apr 4**: Coboconk Legion is holding its Annual Spaghetti Dinner. A full coarse meal for $10.00 a fund raiser for our building fund starting at 5:30pm.

• **Apr 5**: Maplefest "All you can eat" Pancake Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale at Lochlin United Church 9 am – 1pm, Lochlin Rd, off Gelert Rd (County Rd 1), Lochlin. The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup

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ONGOING EVENTS

• The Minden Women's Institute – Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.

• TOPS –. Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.

• Township of Algonquin Highlands – For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.

• Township of Algonquin Highlands – Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.

• Skating - Moms & Tots Skating (Free) Wednesdays 10am-12pm. or, Adults Skate ($1.00) Wednesdays Noon-2 pm, both held at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden.

• Security Check Phone Call - Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. Call Judy at 457-2941.

• Weight Lifting for Mature Adults offered by Community Care – Every Tuesday – individual evaluations and individual programs designed by a Can-Fit Pro certified personal trainer. Call 457-2941 for information.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For Ongoing Events please see the Weekender

Political dignitaries such as MP Barry Devolin, federal minister health of Tony Clement, county warden Eleanor Harrison and MPP Laurie Scott were on hand to officially open the 2008 Dorset Snowball. Now the community wants to thank the volunteers who helped make the event such a tremendous success.

Calling all volunteers: you are invited to the Snowball wrap-up ceremony

DORSETNEWS
Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
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Congratulations to Linda Ainslie and Mike Baum who got engaged on Valentine's Day in Hawaii – how romantic can you get!

Don't forget the Dorset Snowball wrap-up celebration for all Snowball volunteers, on Wednesday, March 26 at the Recreation Centre at 6 p.m. For more information, please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

The next Dorset Men's Breakfast will be held at the Dorset Seniors' Club on Hwy 117 on Saturday, March 29 starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost for the breakfast is $6. For more information, contact Jim Schell at 766-2373.

Also on March 29, I challenge all Dorset residents to take part in the global movement called "Earth Hour". What a great idea. The key objective is to engage as many households, communities and businesses as possible to turn their lights out for one hour on March 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. to show that together, our small actions can make a difference to global warming. I'm in!

Tickets are now available for the Fifth Annual Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 11. The "walkabout" starts at 6:30 p.m. and readings and music starts at 7 p.m. This is a wonderful evening featuring local writers, artists and musicians. Muskoka Lakes Winery will be showcasing their unique wines and refreshments will be provided by Robinson's General Store.

Tickets are $6 and limited to adults 19 year of age and over. You can reserve your ticket by calling the centre at 766-9968 or by stopping in.

The docket of musicians and writers is filled but there is still room for artists who wish to display one or two pieces.

There is help available to those in Dorset who are seniors, ill or with disabilities and their caregivers. If you can't get out, are not great at cooking or cooking is a problem for you, you can get help.

Call 705-457-2914 Community Care in Haliburton or 766-2409 Marlene Shortreed in Dorset to access or ask about the useful and helpful resources available to you.

These resources include low cost frozen meals, low cost transportation to medical appointments, emergency response systems, Meals on Wheels subsidy, home help and maintenance, friendly visiting and security checks.

Volunteers in the Dorset area are needed to help with these wonderful resources. If you would be interested in volunteering to drive, install emergency response units or make security check calls (remuneration available), please call Community Care Haliburton and ask for Brigitte at 705-457-2941. You can also e-mail brigitte@communitycarehaliburton.com .

Birthday wishes for the weeks of March 23 to 29 go out to Jacob Armstrong-Darke, Kyla Woods, Matthew Hughes, Zach Lock, Rick Nash, Debbie Guidi, Ray Blake, Ron MacKay and Happy Anniversary to Trudy and Dalton Frecker. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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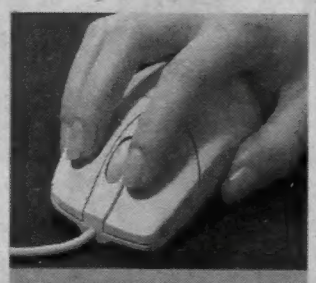

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Please send resume no later than April 4, 2008 to:

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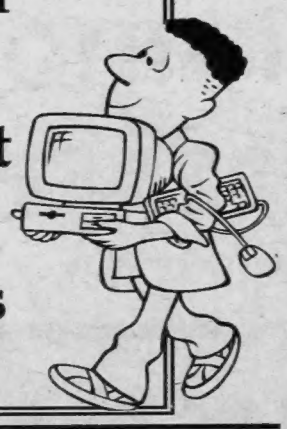

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Township of Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department

Stanhope Soccer League Registration
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Boys and Girls
Ages 5 to 14 as of June 17, 2008
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Announcements

Deaths

NORWOOD, Joy Gladys "Barney"(nee Perrin) -Passed away at the Peterborough Civic Hospital with her daughters by her side on Monday, March 17, 2008. In her 84th year.

Beloved wife of the late Harold Lloyd Norwood (1983). Loving mother of Gayle and Tom Rowan, Lea Mann and much loved nanny to Terra (Tom) Miscio, Dawn (Jeff) Bain, Craig (Amy) Mann, Amber Rowan, predeceased by her grandson Aaron Mann and great nanny to Jessica, Cody, Kade, and Timmy. Dear sister to June (Richard) Patterson, Ora Hutchinson, and predeceased by her brother Don Perrin and sister Ina Gratton.

In accordance to "Barney's" wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxilary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Obituaries

FLINK, Gertrude (nee Kerttu Heinonen) - Died peacefully at Ottawa General Hospital after gradual debilitation from congestive heart failure on Sunday March 23 at the age of 93.

Loving mother of Lois (David Midgley), Joan (Edward Ellis) Larry (Serey Flink), Eleanor (John Laycock). Dear grandmother of ten, Jonathan, James, Trevor, Ryan, Brent, and Mark, Marissa, Erica, Claire, and Colin.

A memorial service will be held Saturday March 29 at 1 pm at the Lochlin United Church. There will be no visitation prior. Reception will be held at the church after the service. Donations in her memory may be made to Living Truth Ministries or Billy Graham Association.

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Deaths

Earl Bartley

(Resident of Norland,Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Sunday morning, March 23, 2008 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Doris Bartley (nee Cameron). Loving father of Leonard, Kenneth (Marianne), Annette (Richard), Stephen (Marilyn) and Terry (Angela). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Shawna, Aaron, Andrew, Matthew, Luke, Craig, Jason, Candy, Meagan, Kaitlin, Samantha and his great grandson Liam. Predeceased by his parents Jacob & Ettie Bartley, his brothers Gordon, Garnet, Lloyd, Ernie, Norman, Jerry and his sisters Violet McMauley, Gladys Grozelle and his grandson Trevor. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 6644 Hwy.#35, Coboconk, Ontario (705)454-3913 on Monday evening, March 24, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. Then to NORLAND UNITED CHURCH 7521 Hwy. #35 Norland, Ontario on Tuesday morning, March 25, 2008 for visitation from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Gull River: A short distance up from Gull Lake. A delightful 3 bdrm. cottage, 4 pc. bath, w/o master, Canac kitchen, FP airtight, main floor ldry., new roof, freshly painted, level lot, hard sand w/shallow entry, completely winterized & 2 km to Minden. **Call Fred Chapple**

Fred Chapple • Ext 43 • 286-2911

$249,900
DRAG RIVER - GELERT
This home boasts over 800' on the river w/good swimming & total privacy from neighbours. The home features open concept LR/DR/KT w/cathedral lvng & groove pine ceiling & a w/o to deck overlooking the river...very scenic setting! Other features include c/a, 3 good size bdrms, full unfinished bsmt w/w/o & more. **Call Vince Duchene.**

Vince Duchene** • Ext 225 • 457-1011

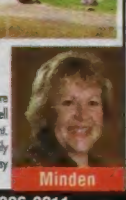
$144,900
This cute 2 bdrm home, right in the heart of Minden, has it all. Nice covered porch, great side deck, jacuzzi tub, pine cupboards & hrdwd floors in the kitchen and foyer, main floor laundry & a great corner lot. **Call Lenor Fulton**

Lenor Fulton • Ext 23 • 286-2911

$199,000
GULL RIVER- MINDEN
Are you in the market for a value-priced waterfront home or cottage? Featuring 1,200 sq. ft., propane FP, laminate flooring, newly renovated bath, metal roof, 100' of waterfront with western exposure. Miles of boating on the scenic Gull River & Gull Lake system await! Vendor says sell! **Call Bill Kulas**

Bill Kulas • Ext 44 • 286-2911

$305,900
KUSHOG LAKE
Gorgeous 3 bdrm home/cottage on Kushog Lake offering pure sand beach & big lake view. The building is spotless & very well cared for with large bright rooms and a fully fin'd walkout bsmt. Great 2 car att'd garage fully insulated with a huge loft/family rm above which would make an amazing studio for the artsy type. Tons of recent upgrades. **Call Denise LeBlanc.**

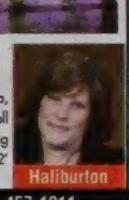


Denise LeBlanc • Ext 33 • 286-2911

MOORE LAKE ESTATES
Walk down the public boat launch and enjoy Moore Lake. Large lot. Easy access. Lovely neighbourhood. Bright and open Viceroy with 3 bdrms. 1.5 car garage & carport. **Call Lynda Litwin to view.**

Lynda Litwin • Ext 35 • 286-2911

$379,000
STORMY LAKE
Spectacular sunsets. Lakeside patio area, 200+ ft. shoreline. Custom designed, well insulated cottage awaits your finishing touches. Great rm w/BIS fireplace. 10'x12' outbuildings. **Call Karen Nimigon.**



Karen Nimigon* • Ext 224 • 457-1011

$139,900
Owner wants this SOLD. Prime location, 168 Bobcaygeon Rd. Live/work - zoned C4 commercial, many uses, currently updated, cozy 3 bdrm, garage, storage, workshop. All one level. Seller may hold mortgage!! **Call Blake.**

Blake O'Byrne • Ext 30 • 286-2911

$214,000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN!
Three bdrm bungalow with walkout partially fin'd bsmt. Attached 1 car garage and a detached insulated garage/workshop nestled on approx. 2.5 acres for ultimate privacy right in the town of Haliburton. **Call Marj & John.**

Marj Hunter & John Parish • Ext 226 • 457-1011

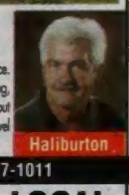
$789,000
KOSHLONG LAKE
Secluded year round home situated on almost 2 acres. Sandy beach waterfront, private lagoon & peninsula, stream running through the property too! Huge prow front for wonderful lake views as well as stars at night. Large custom Viceroy home with 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, huge great room, plus att'd double garage. Call for appt. to view. **Call Tom & Gail**

Tom*** & Gail Tempest • Ext 41 • 286-2911

$449,000
Considering a move to Haliburton Village? See "The Bayou Cottage, Stothart Creek", 3,800 sq. ft. of elegant living on a 1.2 acre lot. Still under construction using innovative technology. Highly energy-efficient ground source heat pumps. Pick your own finishings. GST appls. **Call Elizabeth Thompson**

Elizabeth Thompson • Ext 248 • 457-1011

$315,000
COLEMAN LAKE
Viceroy style waterfront home - 1,600 sq. ft. of living space. Pine décor with some hrdwd flooring, open concept living, 2 airtight fireplaces, freshly decorated master bdrm, w/out family rm. FAO heating, southern exposure from this level lot and sand beach. Small quiet lake. **Call Ted Vasey**



Ted Vasey • Ext 223 • 457-1011

$159,900
GELERT ROAD
Country living on 2.6 acres can be yours as this 3 bdrm, 1,200+ sq. ft. home, with full walkout bsmt, sunroom, mudroom & detached garage w/carport. Call today for an appointment. **Call Melanie Vigrass**

Melanie Vigrass • Ext 40 • 286-2911

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